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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to submit the candidature of the Republic of Lithuania as a State member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Since 1997, the Republic of Lithuania has been a State party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto. Over the years, the Republic of Lithuania has developed a close working relationship with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Republic of Lithuania is financially contributing to the activities and programmes carried out by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his Office and participates as an observer in the work of the Executive Committee.

The Republic of Lithuania has prepared and adopted relevant national legislation to ensure that the rights of refugees on its territory are respected and protected. The Republic of Lithuania is hosting refugees and, in the spirit of solidarity and shared responsibility, participates in resettlement programmes for refugees within the European Union. The Republic of Lithuania expects that its participation as a full State member of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme will contribute further to the work of this important organization.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania has the honour to request that the present note verbale be circulated as a document of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 19 (e).

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